

## House Resolution No. 1040

**Whereas**, Pearl Thomas Worm of Monett, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her Ninetieth Birthday with a special celebration on March 1, 2003, at the First Free Will Baptist Church; and

**Whereas**, in 1913, God brought a special gift to this great nation with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Pearl, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

**Whereas**, while celebrating her birthday, Pearl Worm had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as marrying Nolan C. Thomas (deceased) on October 1, 1930; giving birth to their two children; and finding love a second time when she wed Gene Worm (deceased) in 1978; and

**Whereas**, God has blessed Pearl Worm with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include one daughter, Gladys Marie Bednaugh of Monett and formerly of the Washington, D.C. area; one son, Wesley Thomas who has served as Chief of the Monett Police Department for the past twenty-five years; eight grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Pearl Worm's retirement as a school cook at the age of 70 did not curtail her activity or her independence as she still drives a car, maintains her home, keeps her weekly appointments at the beauty parlor, visits with friends and neighbors, and works in her flower gardens in the spring and summer; and

**Whereas**, a fifty-eight-year member of the First Free Will Baptist Church and a former member of its Auxiliary, Pearl Worm is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received from the good Lord who is the center of her life:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Pearl Worm at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Pearl Thomas Worm, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jack Goodman  
District No. 132

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1040, adopted March 25, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker